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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, WE/2  
FROM: Chief, SR/3 (W-4)  
SUBJECT: a. SR/6 Action on WE/2 Request for Support in REDSKIN Operations  
b. SR/3 Marine Information Requirements Re [ ]

1. Status of SR/6 Support:

Discussion with [ ] of SR/6 revealed that your memorandum requesting support for REDSKIN operations is being given active consideration by that Branch [ ] stated that a study to determine discernable patterns of Soviet shipping activities to Belgian ports will be completed in December 1953.

2. SR/3 Marine Information Requirements:

The following items keyed to current SR/3 marine information requirements are submitted as a guide to the field case officer in contact with [ ] in the event that the latter can be exploited further:

a. Soviet ships

(1) Soviet ships having used Belgian port facilities since November 1952. (Name, tonnage, type, total number of crew, operating trust or directorate, home port, routes sailed, ports of origin and destination, crew lists, cargoes).

(2) Advance notification of Soviet shipping to Belgian ports.

b. Inflot

(1) Number and location of Inflot offices in Belgium.

(2) Number of local Inflot employees (names, addresses, functions, background).

(3) Methods and scope of communication between local Inflot offices and the Inflot home office (cables, travelling Inflot representatives, diplomatic and consular channels, mail, telephone, courier).

(4) Methods and scope of communication between Inflot offices within Belgium.

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(5) Methods and scope of communication between Inflot offices in Belgium and Inflot offices in other European countries.

(6) Inflot dealings with Belgian shipping and other companies. Type, method, and scope of activities, communication and negotiation (charters, payments, contractual agreements, insurance).

c. Belgian trade with Soviet ships

(1) Belgian shipping companies dealing with Inflot or other Soviet agencies (type of activities; type, method and scope of communication and negotiation; names; functions; addresses; background of employees).

(2) Belgian shipbuilding companies engaged in repairing Soviet ships, (type, method and scope of communication and negotiation, preceding, during and following repairs; names; functions; addresses; background of employees; type; cost; extent and duration of repairs).

(3) Belgian companies servicing Soviet ships in port (type of services; time, place and method; names, functions, addresses and background of servicing personnel; dock-workers and other non-Soviet individuals allowed aboard Soviet ships; purpose, time, restrictions).

d. Official port procedure

(1) Official procedure governing Soviet ships and crews in Belgian ports (customs, health, piloting, berthing, loading and unloading, refueling, food and supplies purchasing).

(2) Belgian agencies, departments and individuals dealing with Soviet crews in an official capacity, (names, functions, addresses, individuals' background).

(3) Official ruble exchange regulations. Average amount exchanged by Soviet crew members per call in Belgian ports.

(4) Re Para 4 of OBRA-907: Can Antwerp port authorities be induced to arrange berthing facilities for Soviet ships in a more accessible area?

e. Soviet crew members' contacts and whereabouts in Belgian ports

(1) Regulations and documentation governing Soviet crews in Belgian ports.

(2) Number (ratio) and type of Soviet personnel applying for shore leave.

(3) Soviet crew members' official, political or other contacts in Belgian ports (purpose, time, place and methods).

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